(c) Several steps have been taken for increasing production of tea in the country. These include financial assistance provided by the Tea Board to the tea industry under its development schemes for encouraging extension planting, replanting, rejuvenation pruning, new planting, infilling, creation of irrigation facilities and drainage etc. Tea Board is also provding financial assistance for research and development (R&D) requirement of the tea gardens and for imparting training to the tea plantation workers and management.

Export to China

1860. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export from India to China has gone up; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Exports to China have increased from $593.16 million in April—November 2001-02 to $1034.99 million in corresponding period of 2002-03. The major items of exports which have registered substantial growth include primary and semi-finished iron and steel, processed minerals, manufacture of metals, non-ferrous metals, chemicals. The growth in exports may be attributed to conducive market forces and an enabling policy environment.

EPZs in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan

†1861. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Export Processing Zones in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the type of exports from these export processing zones along with the value of the export during the last two years; and

(c) the quantity of exports by each processing zone along with the percentage of share in total exports done by each State during last two years?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) An Export Processing Zone (EPZ) functioning at Noida (Uttar Pradesh) has been converted into Special Economic Zone with effect from 1.1.2003. No EPZ is located in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) Details of exports from Noida Zone during the last two years are given below:

(Rs. In Crores)

Production group	2000-2001	2001-2002
Electronics hardware	269.66	86.93
Gem and jewellery	192.79	301.51
Electronics software	178.60	190.60
Textiles and garments	138.74	119.88
Engineering goods	101.42	118.39
Pharmaceuticals and chemicals	32.94	20.68
Plastics and rubber goods	26.92	22.91
Leather/sports goods	8.79	10.02
Others	84.34	109.49
TOTAL	1034.20	980.41

Proposals from the Government of Karnataka

1862. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals from the Government of Karnataka pending in the Ministry for sanction and approval since last two years;

(b) the details of the proposals pending and since when; and

(c) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No proposal from the Government of Karntaka is pending for grant of industrial licnece.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.